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(Case No. 98,714)

In re Application of:

David Baunoch, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF  
TISSUE SAMPLES

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: R. Gitomer

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2001**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 1 as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims, to show all the changes, is attached hereto on pages separate from the amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1. (Amended) An apparatus for automatically reprocessing a specimen from an infiltrating medium to an aqueous fluid comprising in combination:

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